World Bank's Views on Private participation in Power Sector in India

255. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Bank picks holes in approach on power deals" as reported in the Times of India of 19th June, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank has denounced the cost plus approach to tariff under which private parties have been allowed to set up power plants in India;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to remove the shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The World Bank in its document titled "India—Country Economic Memorandum" has inter-alia made certain observations on the two-part tariff notification which are under examination by the Government of India.

ऋण वसूली के लिए अधिकरण स्थापित किया जाना

256. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:**
श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने कोई ऋण वसूली अधिकरण स्थापित किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ततसंबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने 30 जून, 1994 तक इस अधिकरण के माध्यम से कितना कार्य सम्पन्न किया है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) से (ग) जी, हां। सरकार ने अब तक निम्नलिखित पांच ऋण वसूली अधिकरण स्थापित किए हैं:—

अधिकरण का नाम	स्थापना की तारीख
ऋण वसूली अधिकरण, कलकत्ता	27.4.94
ऋण वसूली अधिकरण, दिल्ली	5.7.94
ऋण वसूली अधिकरण, जयपुर	30.8.94
ऋण वसूली अधिकरण, बंगलौर	30.11.94
ऋण वसूली अधिकरण, अहमदाबाद	21.12.94

30 जून, 1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार केवल कलकत्ता में एक अधिकरण की स्थापना की गई थी। ऋण वसूली अधिकरण, कलकत्ता से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार, 30 जून, 1994 तक विभिन्न अदालतों से ऋण वसूली अधिकरण, कलकत्ता को तीन मामले अंतरित किए गए थे, जिसमें लगभग 13.75 करोड़ रुपए की राशि अंतर्ग्रस्त है और 17 नए मामले ऋण वसूली अधिकरण, कलकत्ता के पास दर्ज कराए गए जिसमें लगभग 18.29 करोड़ रुपए की राशि अंतर्ग्रस्त है।

Vigilance cases against employees of Union Bank of India

257. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are details of the vigilance cases against officers and other employees of the Union Bank of India in which the proceedings are actually stayed by the competent courts, and in which the proceedings are not stayed by the courts;

(b) in the cases where the proceedings are not stayed by the court what are the details of the persons who are still working in the Bank, and what are the reasons for allowing them to continue to work in spite of vigilance cases against them; and

(c) what is the role of the top management of Bank in such matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) Union Bank of India has reported that out of 121 vigilance cases pending as on 30.6.95, proceedings have been stayed by Courts in two cases. Out of remaining 119 cases, 24 officers/employees have been placed under suspension. The decision regarding suspension of employees is taken by the management based on the merits of each case and on

the basis of seriousness of acts of omission and commission. Wherever, the cases have been investigated by the CBI, the bank consults CBI for their advice. Instructions have been issued by the Government to the banks that Committee of Directors in each bank should review vigilance disciplinary cases and departmental enquiries on quarterly basis.

Contract to 'Bagiya Restaurant'

258. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) when "Bagiya Restaurant" in Ashok Yatri Niwas was given on contract and who were managing it;

(b) the full details and the basis on which present contractors were selected; and

(c) whether the contractors have any political affiliations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) A contract for licensing out space in the lawns of Ashok Yatri Niwas for running a Bar-be-que Restaurant, was awarded on 10 Nov. 1994 to M/s. Excel Hotels & Restaurants Inc. having the following five partners:

1. Shri Lalit Kishore Sachdeva
2. Shri Virender Kumar Nagpal
3. Shri Manoj Malik
4. Shri R.P. Sachdeva
5. Shri Sushil Kumar Sharma.

(b) Public tenders were invited through press advertisements and contract was awarded to the above mentioned party on the recommendations of the Tender Award Committee, which took into account the technical & financial capabilities of the firm.

(c) One of the partners, Shri Sushil Kumar Sharma had political affiliation.

Priority sector loans in Tribal Areas

259. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the priority sector loan disbursement target for nationalised banks in Madhya Pradesh in each district particularly in tribal areas;

(b) how much of this target was achieved during the last three years period in each district;

(c) what are the reasons for not achieving the target;

(d) whether it is not purposefully done by the officers of the banks in the State; and

(e) what steps are being taken to see that target of priority sector are achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) District-wise data of commercial banks on targets and achievements under the Annual Credit Plans for the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 in Madhya Pradesh is given in the Statement attached. (*See below*)

(c) and (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the main reasons among others for not a chieving the targets are late sponsoring of cases under Government Schemes by the sponsoring agencies, inadequacy of infrastructure facilities, unsatisfactory follow up by the agencies at the District level and the borrowers not coming forward for availing loans already sanctioned by banks. RBI has also reported that it does not have specific evidence to infer that non-achievement of target under various sponsored schemes is purposefully done by the bank officials. However, whenever any specific complaint is received by Government/RBI in this regard, the same is taken up with the concerned bank for remedial measures.

(e) Progress of achievement of targets under Annual Credit Plans is monitored on an ongoing basis through various forums like State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC), District Consultative Committee (DCC) etc. set up under the Lead Bank Scheme.